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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A retaining wall fall protection system comprising:

a plurality of base plates;

a plurality of uprights connectable to the base plates;

cross-braces mountable between adjacent uprights;

guard rails mountable between adjacent uprights;

a stand-off assembly mounted to said uprights and having a standoff leg adapted to maintain a predetermined distance between the retaining wall and the uprights; and

an attachment mechanism assembly attachable to the stand-off assembly and adapted to engage the retaining wall to temporarily fix said upright to the retaining wall.

2. **(Original)** The retaining wall fall protection system of claim 1 further comprising a leveling adjustment screw pivotally attached to each base plate and having a leveling adjustment nut threaded thereon for supporting said upright.

3. **(Original)** The retaining wall fall protection system of claim 1 comprising a coupling tube for connecting segments to form an upright of a desired height.

4. **(Original)** The retaining wall fall protection system of claim 1 comprising a guardrail bracket mountable to the upright; said guardrails being mountable to said guardrail bracket.

5. **(Original)** The retaining wall fall protection system of claim 4 wherein said guardrail bracket comprises a base mountable to the upright and at least one toggle pin extending from the guardrail bracket base; said guardrail comprising an opening at at least one end thereof which is sized to fit over said toggle.

6. **(Original)** The retaining wall fall protection system of claim 1 wherein the standoff assembly comprises a base adapted to be secured to said upright; said standoff leg extending from said base, and an attachment dowel extending from said base;

 said attachment assembly comprising an attachment strap having a first end and a second end; an eyelet in said first end sized and shaped to fit over said standoff assembly attachment dowel.

7. **(Previously Presented)** The retaining wall fall protection system of claim 6 wherein said attachment strap is adapted at its said second end to engage said retaining wall.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The retaining wall fall protection system of claim 7 wherein said attachment strap is of a length sufficient to pass through said wall; said attachment assembly comprising a retainer; said retainer cooperating with said

second end of said attachment strap to urge a surface of said retainer against a back surface of said retaining wall.

9. **(Previously Presented)** The retaining wall fall protection system of claim 8 wherein said attachment strap includes a slot at its said second end; said retainer comprising a body comprising a top surface, a bottom surface, a front face surface adapted to engage said retaining wall, and an opening in said front face surface; said retainer body opening being sized to allow said attachment strap to pass therethrough; said retainer further including a wedge which is sized and shaped to be received in said attachment strap slot; said wedge engaging a surface of said retainer and an edge of said attachment strap slot distal from said retainer surface to urge said retainer against said retaining wall.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The retaining wall fall protection system of claim 9 wherein said retainer body is generally elongate and comprises a back surface spaced from said front surface by said top and bottom surfaces; an opening in said back surface sized to allow said strap to pass therethrough; and aligned slots in said upper and lower surfaces of said retainer; said wedge passing through said slots and engaging a forward surface of said slots.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The retaining wall fall protection system of claim 10 wherein said retainer body slot forward surfaces are sloped; the slope of the slot surfaces corresponding generally to the slope of the wedge edges.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The retaining wall fall protection system of claim 9 wherein the block used to construct the wall is an open block having a horizontal surface extending between side surfaces; the retainer body being generally C-shaped and comprising an upper surface, a lower surface and a back wall; the forward surface of said back wall defining said retainer front face; said back wall having a height greater than the width of said block horizontal surface; said front face opening being positioned adjacent said retainer bottom surface.

13. **(Original)** An attachment assembly for securing an upright of a scaffolding system to a retaining wall comprised of a plurality of retaining wall blocks; the attachment assembly comprising:

an attachment strap adapted at a first end thereof to be removably connected to said upright and adapted at a second end to be connected to said wall.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The attachment assembly of claim 13 including a standoff bracket mountable to said upright; said standoff bracket assembly comprising a base adapted to be secured to said upright, a standoff leg extending from said base, and an attachment dowel extending from said base; said attachment strap having an eyelet in said first end sized and shaped to fit over said standoff assembly attachment dowel.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The attachment assembly of claim 13 wherein said attachment strap is of a length sufficient to pass through said wall; said attachment assembly comprising a retainer; said retainer cooperating with said second end of said

attachment strap to urge a surface of said retainer against a back surface of said retaining wall.

16. **(Previously Presented)** The attachment assembly of claim 15 wherein said attachment strap includes a slot at its said second end; said retainer comprising a body comprising a top surface, a bottom surface, a block engaging surface adapted to engage said retaining wall, and an opening in said block engaging surface; said retainer body opening being sized to allow said attachment strap to pass therethrough; said retainer further including a wedge which is sized and shaped to be received in said attachment strap slot; said wedge having a first side edge which engages a surface of said retainer and a second side edge which engages a surface of said attachment strap slot distal from said retainer surface to urge said retainer against said retaining wall.

17. **(Previously Presented)** The attachment assembly of claim 16 wherein said retainer body is generally elongate and comprises a back surface spaced from said block engaging surface by said top and bottom surfaces; an opening in said back surface sized to allow said strap to pass therethrough; and aligned slots in said upper and lower surfaces of said retainer; said wedge passing through said slots and engaging a forward surface of said slots.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The attachment assembly of claim 17 wherein said retainer body slot forward surfaces are sloped; the slope of the slot surfaces corresponding generally to the slope of the wedge edges.

19. **(Previously Presented)** The attachment assembly of claim 16 wherein said retainer is generally C-shaped and comprises an upper surface, a lower surface and a back wall; the forward surface of said back wall defining said block engaging surface; said back wall having a height greater than the width of said block horizontal surface; said opening being positioned adjacent said retainer bottom surface.

20. **(New)** A retaining wall fall protection system comprising:
a plurality of base plates;
a plurality of uprights connectable to the base plates;
cross-braces mountable between adjacent uprights;
guard rails mountable between adjacent uprights;
a stand-off assembly mounted to said uprights and having a standoff leg adapted to maintain a predetermined distance between the retaining wall and the uprights; and
an attachment assembly attachable to the stand-off assembly and adapted to engage the retaining wall to temporarily fix said upright to the retaining wall; said attachment assembly comprising:

an attachment strap adapted at a first end thereof to be removably connected to said upright and adapted at a second end to be connected to said wall; said attachment strap is of a length sufficient to pass through said wall; said attachment strap includes a slot at its said second end;

a retainer; said retainer cooperating with said second end of said attachment strap to urge a surface of said retainer against a back surface of said

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retaining wall; said retainer comprising a body having a top surface, a bottom surface, a block engaging surface adapted to engage said retaining wall, and an opening in said block engaging surface; said retainer body opening being sized to allow said attachment strap to pass therethrough; and

a wedge sized and shaped to be received in said attachment strap slot; said wedge having a first side edge which engages a surface of said retainer and a second side edge which engages a surface of said attachment strap slot distal from said retainer surface to urge said retainer against said retaining wall.